When an entire survey number belongs to a person, he should take steps to get it registered in his name. Government cannot accept the kandayam on parts of survey numbers. Those who have to pay more than their share have the necessary remedy to save their land from sale under Sections 77 and 78 of the Land Revenue Code. If the members can suggest any alteration of the rules not inconsistent with the provisions of the Land Revenue Code, Government will be disposed to consider it favourably.

As regards subdivisions, the Survey Rules provide for separate numbers being formed where the area of the subdivisions is above the prescribed minimum. The question of reducing the existing minima will be favourably considered.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Limit of time to confirm or cancel sales of land for arrears of revenue.

Mr. Srinivasamurti, Hassan Taluk, and Hutchveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) When lands are sold for arrears of revenue, the purchaser pays the full amount of the purchase money, which will be large in some cases. Though years pass away, no final orders are passed either confirming or cancelling the sale. If the sale is cancelled after a long time, there is great difficulty in getting refund of the deposit amount as the same will have been credited to Government. A limit of time for confirming or cancelling such sales may therefore be fixed.

Revenue sales not to be cancelled.

Mr. Hutchveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

(*b*) The highest bidder in the sale of land for arrears of revenue in conformity with the conditions of the sale pays up the bid at stipulated times. The defaulter is aware of each stage of the coercive process as every process has to be served upon him. If he pays up his arrears, the sale is cancelled and the highest bidder has to attend the Taluk Office twice or thrice to get back his money. These circumstances dissuade one from raising bids at the revenue sales, and thus there will be few bidders. It is therefore proposed that sales once regularly held should be ordered to be confirmed.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to fix any time for the passing of final orders in such cases. But such final orders will be passed as soon as possible. Sales properly held are not cancelled, and Government in their Order No. 3275—R. M. 494-05, dated 17th September 1906, have directed that, in cases where exceptional circumstances not affecting the regularity of the sale are considered as justifying its being set aside, the auction purchaser should be paid a reasonable rate of interest.

SUBJECT No. 97.

Cancelling Revenue sales.

Messrs. A. Narasimmaiengar, Sagar Taluk, Padmaiya and C. Subba Rao.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) If the khatedar or anubhavadar (person in enjoyment) or mortgagee pays before the completion of sale full amount of arrears together with interest at 25 per cent on the sale amount deposited, then such sales may be cancelled.